

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 16 and 17. These sheets, which includes Figs. 16 and 17, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 16 and 17.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present Amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-12 are pending. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, and 10 have been modified by this amendment, and Claims 3 and 8 have been cancelled by this amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Utility Model Publication No. SHO 58-049590 in view of Published Japanese patent application No. SHO 58-082461 and Published Japanese patent application No. HE1 05-205712; and Claims 3-5 and 8-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

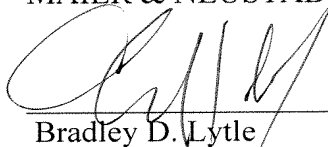
In response, dependent Claims 3 and 8 have been cancelled, their recitations incorporated into independent claims 1 and 7, respectively, and other dependent claims amended correspondingly.

In light of the fact that dependent Claims 3 and 8 were only objected to, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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